Winding up of Shri Krishna Commission

159. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reaction of Government regarding the winding up of Shri Krishna Commission inquiring into Bombay riots; and

(b) whether the Central Government would institute its/own inquiry commission?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) According to the Government of Maharashtra, vide its Notification dated 23.1.96, the Sri Krishna Commission of Inquiry has been wound up. The Govt. of Maharashtra has further informed that five Writ Petitions have been filed in the High Court of Mumbai challenging the State Govt.'s above mentioned notification. The Writ Peitions are pending before the Hon'ble High Court. The matter is thus *sub-judice*.

Development of Loktak Lake

160. SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken up so far after the Loktak Lake of Manipur had been included in the National Lake Conservation Plan some years back; and

(b) what effective measures the Central Pollution Control Board propose to do for expediting the works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Loktak Lake is one of the 18 wetlands selected for intensive conservation and management under the Wetland Programme. Under this programme the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests has provided an amount of Rs. 58.90 lakhs to the State Government of Manipur for lake conservation and management activities. These activities include survey and demarcation, afforestation, plantation of horticultural crops, control of water hyacinth, removal of phumdis and generating awareness. In addition, the State Government has taken up conservation and development activities in Loktak Lake area through State Plan funds, North Eastern Council grants and special grants received through the Ninth Finance Commission Award. The Union Ministry of Environment and Forests has constituted a Technical Advisory Committee to formulate a comprehensive management action plan on Loktak Lake.

(b) Central Pollution Control Board has funded the establishment of two water quality monitoring stations in Loktak Lake. These stations are operated through the State Pollution Control Board.

Participation of Small and Medium Sectors in Petroleum Sector

161. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the liberalisation of the Petroleum sector, Government have laid down any clear cut guidelines for participation of the medium/small sector vis-a-vis the major participators;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the financial/technical supports being provided to the medium/small scale sector, to ensure that the benefits or gains of the liberalisation policy percolate down to them instead of concentrating only in the hands of major players?